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SUBJECT: EAST-WEST TRADE BOARD MEETING - BRIEFING  
MEMORANDUM

FOR SECRETARY FROM INGERSOLL

1. SIMON, RICHARDSON, LYNN, DU BRUL, HYLAND, SEIDMAN AND REPRESENTATIVES AGRICULTURE AND DEFENSE ATTENDED EAST-WEST TRADE BOARD MEETING TODAY TO DISCUSS AGENDA INCLUDING JOINT US-SOVIET TRADE COMMISSION MEETING, EMIGRATION AND JACKSON/VANIK AMENDMENT AND OIL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. DISCUSSION FOCUSSED ON COMMISSION MEETING AND JACKSON/VANIK. SIMON STRESSED THAT POSTPONEMENT OF COMMISSION MEETING AND ADMINISTRATION FAILURE TO PRESS FOR "REMEDIAL LEGISLATION" THIS YEAR WOULD BE TAKEN BY SOVIETS AS CHANGE IN OUR ECONOMIC POLICY. HE ACKNOWLEDGED DECISIONS WERE "FOREIGN POLICY CALL" BUT THOUGHT ANY DECISION SHOULD BE PUBLICLY EXPLAINED. RICHARDSON EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT RE UTILITY OF LINKAGE IF WE COULD NOT ARTICULATE HOW  
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ITS OBJECTIVE WOULD BE ACHIEVED BUT FOCUSSED ON NEED FOR

DISCUSSION OF ISSUE BY AGENCIES CONCERNED. LYNN ALSO THOUGHT  
DISCUSSION WOULD BE HELPFUL. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF US

PUBLIC ATTITUDE WAS INCONCLUSIVE: FARMERS WOULD SEE  
NEGATIVE SIGNAL, BUSINESS COULD BE PUT OFF, GENERAL  
CRITICS OF DETENTE WOULD CONTINUE CRITICISM BUT  
MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT DEFUSED, ETC.

3. I HAD GIVEN GROUP A RUN-DOWN ON BACKGROUND OF YOUR  
DECISION TO POSTPONE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING AND TO  
DEFER ANY ADMINISTRATION ACTION ON TITLE IV OF TRADE  
BILL. I NOTED PRESSING NEED TO CONVEY SIGNAL TO SOVIETS  
THAT WE COULD NOT BE INDIFFERENT TO THEIR INTERVENTION  
IN ANGOLA AND WOULD NOT TOLERATE PATTERN OF SUBSEQUENT  
ACTIVITY OF THIS CHARACTER. NO ONE QUESTIONED NEED  
FOR FIRM US POSTURE BUT SOME DOUBTED EFFICACY AND  
APPROPRIATENESS OF COMMISSION POSTPONEMENT.

4. RE EMIGRATION/JACKSON/VANIK IT WAS LEFT THAT STATE  
AND TREASURY REPRESENTATIVES WOULD IN ANY CASE BE  
HEARING FROM JEWISH COMMUNITY IN WAKE OF MEETING OF  
CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY JUST CONCLUDED IN BRUSSELS.

5. WE AGREED THAT MATTERS WOULD BE  
DISCUSSED AFTER YOUR RETURN. SIMON NOTED HE WOULD BE  
DEPARTING FOR MIDDLE EAST FEBRUARY 26, 8:00 A.M.  
(THURSDAY) AND, THOUGH TIME SHORT, HE PLANS TO TELEPHONE  
YOU ON WEDNESDAY TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT. BUTZ HAS  
ALSO INDICATED AGRICULTURE'S CONCERN AND DESIRE TO BE  
KEPT INFORMED. INGERSOLL

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